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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: A PARQUET STRIP, THE USE THEREOF FOR MANUFACTURING A PANEL OR
A PARQUET ELEMENT AS WELL AS A PARQUET ELEMENT MANUFACTURED
THEREFROM AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A PARQUET STRIP

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 5 and 6 as follows:

5. (Amended) A parquet strip as a part of a parquet element including two long sides and two narrow sides, an impregnation being supplied onto the faces of the narrow sides at least over a part of their elevation.
6. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a floor panel, comprising a medial or supporting layer onto the area of support of which a stress compensating means can be applied and onto the surface of which a plurality of parquet strips can be applied, characterized in that before glueing with the supporting layer an impregnation is applied onto the faces of the narrow sides of each parquet strip at least over a part of their elevation.